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TO : Assistant Director for Operations  
FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Branch  
SUBJECT: FDB Monthly Progress Report - June 1948

DATE: 3 July 1948

Forwarded herewith is progress report of Foreign Documents Branch for month ending 30 June 1948.

## I. Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans

### Bibliography

169 tables of contents for Russian periodicals have been published and disseminated as of the last day of June.

### EURO Document Project

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Two Russo-German linguists have been selected to accompany [redacted] on this project. Concurrences of State, Army and EUCOM have been obtained. Administrative arrangements have been completed. Tentative date of departure has been set for 11 July.

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### [redacted] Project"

FDB still awaiting decision on recommendations submitted in May concerning the implementation of this project.

### Korea Document Project

State Department will implement this project with a four-man team to go to Korea as soon as budgetary problems have been ironed out. This team will represent IAC requirements on Korean documents.

## II. Accomplishment

1. In connection with Source Survey, State Department (IAD) is determining through its representatives abroad the availability of USSR publications in "third countries".

2. Library of Congress was provided with a list of Russian periodicals available in Washington. With this basic list, LC will now poll by mail certain repositories in the US to determine holdings and receipts of current Russian periodicals.

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## 5. On 4 June [redacted]

foreign publications. FDB has compiled and forwarded to State the list of USSR periodicals desired and is actively compiling lists of periodicals, other than USSR, that are required for exploitation.

4. Coordination was effected during the month with AMS on translations. FDB will be informed regularly by monthly listing of translations completed and in process.

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5. On 3 June FDB forwarded to OO memorandum on ORE evaluations recommending evaluation by requestor and evaluation of FDB translation and summary series in addition to [redacted]. On 4 June FDB informally conferred with ORE in that they do not evaluate certain routine [redacted] reports carrying a sub-title of "Recently Published reports of--".

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6. A conference was held with OCD on 14 June with reference to the production of a Transportation Card File on a basis similar to the ICF. OCD objects to re-production of cards for the IAC and desires to just IBM the material. FDB agreed that if OCD can sell the IAC on their IBM handling of transportation information, FDB will forward card material directly to OCD. However, current information and over-all studies will be published under FDB cover and disseminated to the IAC.

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7. FDB conferred with [redacted] Plans and Policy, ORE, on 15 June concerning the problem of getting requirements from ORE and closer liaison with the branches of ORE. ORE will discuss with OCD simplified procedures for handling requests for translation. This would be designed to allow such requests to come direct from ORE to FDB. [redacted] also agreed that a briefing of the ORE Branch Chiefs by Chief, FDB, would be very helpful.

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8. [redacted] I&S, conferred with FDB on 18 June concerning requests from private scientific institutions for copies of FDB Periodical Abstracts. FDB indicated that it felt the problem to be primarily a security one and that any requests from such agencies could not be handled by FDB in any case.

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Particular interest  
for the record!*  
9. On 24 June, Chief, FDB, briefed the Deputy Assistant Director, OO, the Chief of the Coordinating and Planning Staff, OO, [redacted] ICAPS, and members of the Plans and Policy Staff, ORE, on the operations and functions of FDB.

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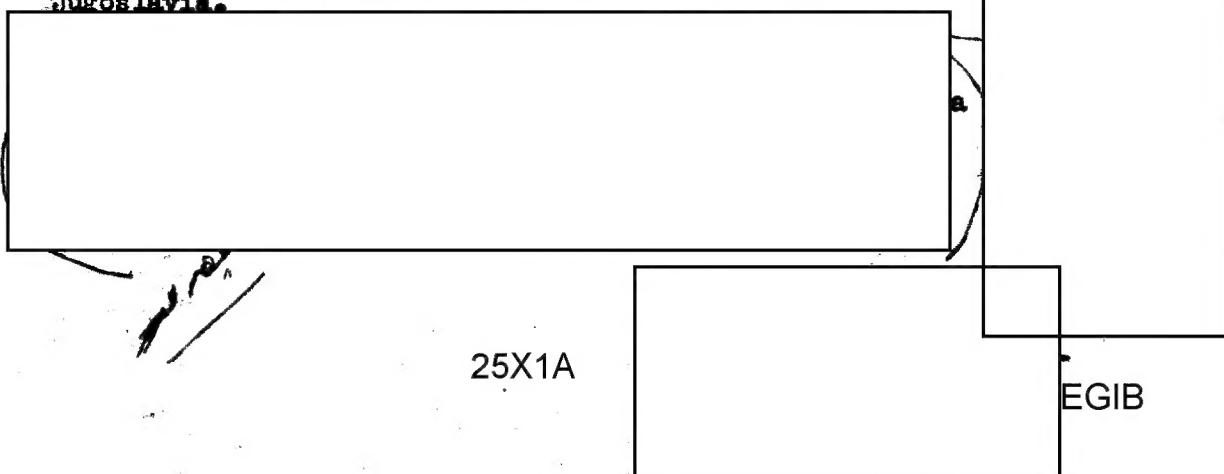
10. During the month of June FDB produced approximately 7,000 pages of reports, processed 8,000 current documents, and forwarded 26,700 captured documents to other repositories.

### III. Projects Contemplated

1. It is contemplated that dissemination of a branch report on projects completed and in process each month would be of great value to the IAC and assist in the task of coordination and avoidance of duplication.

2. It is hoped that the first step toward a coordinated IAC program for procurement of foreign publications will be taken on 2 July when a conference has been called to work out a program of coordinated collection of material from Yugoslavia.

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